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- 1. CG MALAWIAN ARMY HAS REITERATED HIS DESIRE THAT WE ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITY OF MAKING AVAILABLE SENIOR LEVEL TRAINING FOR ONE OFFICER EACH YEAR WITH GOM PAYING COSTS. CG WAS TOLD EMBASSY WOULD PASS REQUEST TO DEPT OF STATE AND DEFENSE BUT HE WAS GIVEN NO COMMITMENT OR ASSURANCES OF ANY KIND.
- 2. AT TIME OF MY CONSULTATION IN DEPT LAST NOVEMBER
 THIS REQUEST HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY ADVANCED BY GOM AND I DISCUSSED
 IT WITH COUNTRY DIRECTOR COOTE, WITH ACTING ASST SECY
 MULCAHY AND OFFICERS IN PM. ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY DISCOURAGED AT
 THAT TIME, DOOR WAS NOT FIRMLY CLOSED. THE DIFFICULTY OF
 CERTIFYING ESSENTIALITY THIS TRAINING TO US SECURITY IS OBVIOUS,
 BUT SINCE THAT DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN OVERCOME IN THE CASE OF
 OTHER, SIMILAR, SMALL COUNTRIES I STRONGLY URGE THAT IT BE DONE
 IN THIS INSTANCE. A FORTHCOMING, AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE WOULD BE
 IN US NATIONAL INTEREST FOR REASONS CITED IN ABOVE REFERENCES.
- 3. MOREOVER, RECENT MALAWI VOTING IN UNGA INCLUDING KOREAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WITH THE US IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SPHERE WHICH IS RARE IF NOT UNIQUE AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HOPEFULLY THIS SHOULD HELP US IN ARRIVING AT A POSITIVE RESPONSE. STEVENSON

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